

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 16 2015 to 0600 February 17 2015



Greyhound Rock, Santa Cruz County, on 02/09/15
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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Federal Judge Stalls Obama's Executive Action on Immigration

(AP) A federal judge in South Texas on Monday temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's executive action on immigration, giving a coalition of 26 states time to pursue a lawsuit that aims to permanently stop the orders. U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen's decision comes after a hearing in Brownsville in January and puts on hold Obama's orders that could spare as many as five million people who are in the U.S. illegally from deportation. Hanen wrote in a memorandum accompanying his order that the lawsuit should go forward and that without a preliminary injunction the states will "suffer irreparable harm in this case." The White House in a statement early Tuesday defended the executive orders issued in November as within the president's legal authority, saying that the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress have said federal officials can set priorities in enforcing immigration laws.

Icy Blast Hits South as Winter Spreads Its Reach

(CNN) Salt trucks rumbled and traffic jammed as a massive new storm brought snow, freezing rain, ice and frigid temperatures to a large swath of the United States on Monday. "It's dangerously cold," Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser told CNN's "The Situation Room," warning that the nation's capital was bracing for up to 8 inches of snow. And federal government offices in the area will be closed on Tuesday. Raleigh, North Carolina, could see up to a half-inch of ice, which could knock out power and "makes travel nearly impossible," she said. The bitter cold is coming from several fronts. This weekend, the Northeast weathered its fourth snowstorm in three weeks, and extremely low temperatures are predicted to hang around for two more weeks. A winter storm stretching across the Midwest and Southeast is bringing freezing rain and ice accumulation, especially from Arkansas to Tennessee. Late Monday, Tennessee declared a state of emergency as road conditions quickly deteriorated and power outages spiked.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Defiant Danes March After Gunman Attacks Copenhagen

(Reuters) Tens of thousands of Danes gathered at torch-lit memorials around the country on Monday, commemorating victims of deadly attacks on a synagogue and an event promoting free speech that shocked a nation proud of its record of safety and openness. Singing John Lennon's Imagine, defiant Danes promised to uphold their trademark open society and showed solidarity with the country's Muslim minority after reports the gunman was a Dane with Palestinian roots and a passion for Islamist issues. The 22-year-old gunman opened fire on a cafe in hosting a free speech debate on Saturday, killing one, and attacked a synagogue, killing a guard. He was later killed in a shootout with police in his neighborhood of Norrebro, a largely immigrant part of the city with a reputation for gang violence. Police, which have not publicly identified the gunman, arrested two people on suspicion of aiding the attacks but said there was no indication the shooter was part of a cell or had traveled to Syria or Iraq.

Battle Rages for Town Where Ukraine Rebels Reject Ceasefire

(Reuters) Pro-Russian rebels pounded encircled Ukrainian government forces on Monday and Kiev said it would not pull back heavy guns while a truce was being violated, leaving a European-brokered peace deal on the verge of collapse. The European Union kept pressure on Russia and the rebels by announcing a new list of separatists and Russians targeted with sanctions, to which Moscow promised an "adequate" response. The United States said it was "gravely concerned" by the fighting in and around the town of Debaltseve in eastern Ukraine after a ceasefire agreement that came into force on Sunday and said it was closely monitoring reports of a new column of Russian military equipment moving toward the region. Fighting subsided in many parts of eastern Ukraine under a ceasefire deal reached last week in marathon talks involving the leaders of France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine. But the truce appears to have been stillborn in Debaltseve, where the most intensive fighting has taken place in recent weeks.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Oil Train Derailment, Fayette County, West Virginia

Per media reports and DHS National Operations Center, on 02/16/15 at around 1337 hours (EST), 25 of 107 tanker cars of a CSX train derailed in Fayette County, West Virginia, causing a fire, explosions, and evacuations.

- **USCG reports 19 rail cars exploded or are on fire as a result of the derailment.** Per West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the fire is expected to burn until early this morning.
- Media reports one rail car hit a residence causing a fire that destroyed the house.
- Approximately 2,400 residents in the surrounding area have been evacuated.
- Two evacuation shelters have been established **with 85 occupants.**
- **An unknown amount of crude oil has spilled into Armstrong Creek, a tributary of the Kanawha River, but no oil has been reported in the river. The Kanawha River is closed from mile marker 88 to 91.**
- **A local water treatment plant three miles downstream from the site closed its intake valves as a precaution.**
- **Potable water (16,000 gallons) is to be delivered today, 02/17/15.**
- Severe winter weather is hampering response efforts: no USCG vessels are being deployed due to the icy conditions of the river; deployed West Virginia EPA crews are being slowed due to the inclement weather.
- **No injuries or fatalities have been reported.**
- **USCG has assumed responsibility as the lead federal agency with the assistance from the US EPA.**
- **West Virginia State Emergency Operations Center is partially activated.**
- West Virginia Governor declared a State of Emergency for Fayette and Kanawha Counties due to the rail derailment.
- There have been no requests for FEMA assistance, and DHS National Operations Center and FEMA Region III Regional Watch Center continue to monitor the incident.

Highly Pathogenic H5N8 Avian Influenza Confirmed in Commercial Chicken and Duck Flock, Kings County

US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) have confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) EA H5N8 virus in a commercial chicken and duck flock in Kings County. The virus was investigated upon after a flock was experiencing steadily increasing mortality. In response, the facility was officially quarantined and the USDA confirmed that the birds are completely enclosed with no access to the outside. Samples have been taken from infected bird houses and have been sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) who confirmed that the sequence is 99% similar to the H5N8 detected in late January.

- There are currently no requests for assistance.

Weather of Concern

No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



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WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A ridge over the West Coast will bring Northwest California dry weather and above normal temperatures for the next few days. Along the immediate coast, expect low clouds and fog each night and morning with some clearing each afternoon. For inland areas, patchy valley fog is expected to form each night and last into the morning.

Medford Weather:

This week the forecast area's weather pattern is persistent inland dry conditions with temperatures generally trending lower, and morning short-duration west side valley fog with afternoon sunshine.

Reno Weather:

A ridge of high pressure will expand over Northern California and Nevada through midweek, continuing the dry conditions and light winds. Temperatures will remain well above normal through Thursday. Temperatures will cool significantly for the weekend as the ridge retreats to off the Pacific Coast and colder northerly flow develops.

San Francisco Weather:

Slightly cooler temperatures, particularly at the coast, expected for the forecast area through midweek with night and morning low clouds. Dry weather will continue through at least the end of the week.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather with above normal temperatures will continue through the week under high pressure. Patchy late night and early morning fog is possible across portions of the Central Valley.

Hanford Weather:

High pressure over California will keep dry conditions and above normal temperatures across the region through the week. Patchy fog will also be possible in the San Joaquin Valley each night into the morning hours.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Overnight low clouds and patchy fog are expected along the coast and adjacent valleys each night and morning through Friday. Clouds will increase over the weekend and will lead to a slight chance of rain.

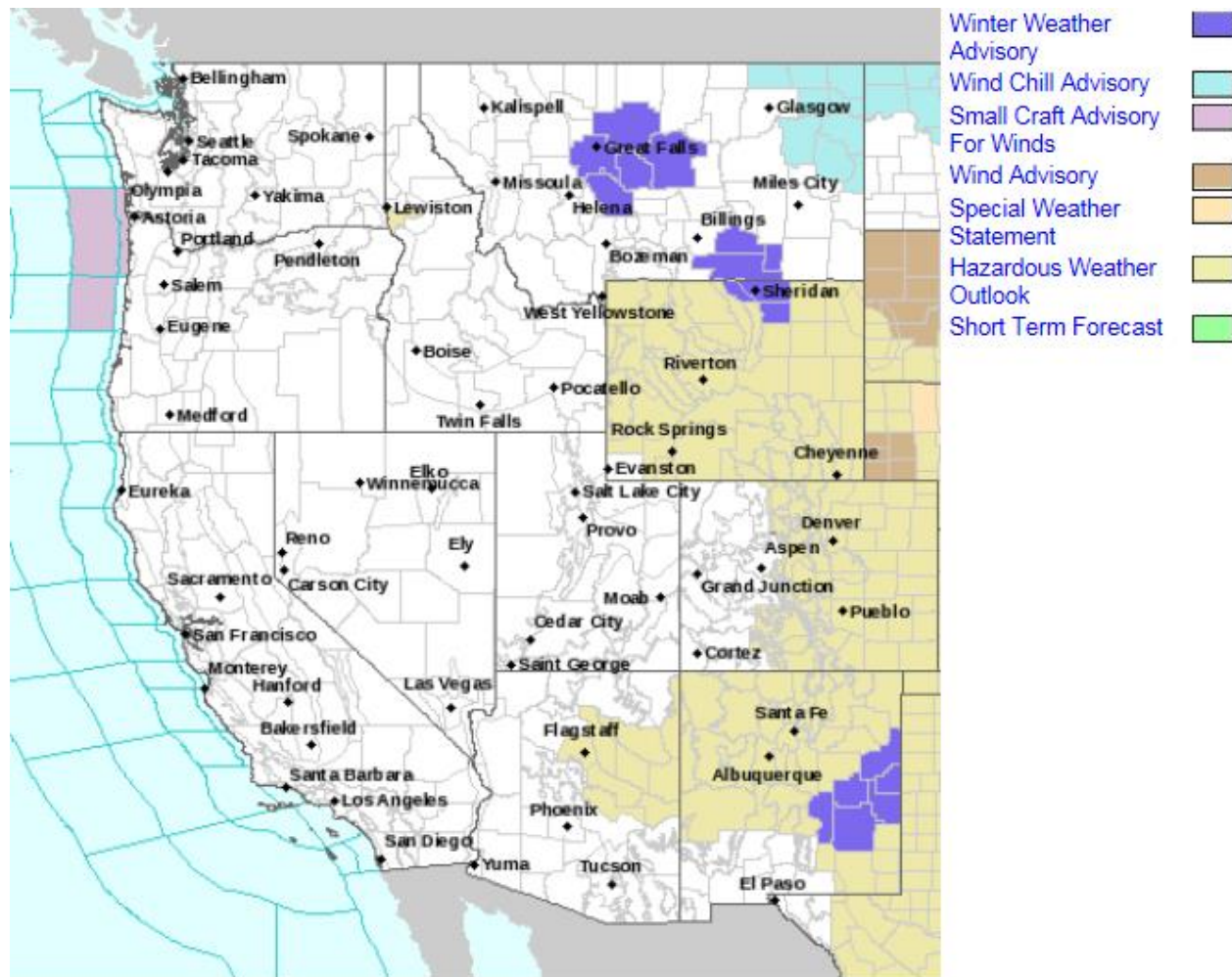
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

A ridge of high pressure aloft will continue to bring above warm and fair weather through Wednesday. Minor cooling Thursday into the weekend as the ridge breaks down and an upper level trough digs south through the Great Basin. This trough may generate some light precipitation Sunday and Monday.

Southeast California Weather:

Strong high pressure will gradually shift back over the Desert Southwest through the week bringing dry northerly flow and mostly clear skies. Temperatures will remain well above normal for the entire week with 80s returning into the latter half of the week. High pressure will eventually break down allowing for slightly cooler temperatures during the weekend, yet still above normal.

STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Feb, 17th 2015 at 7:06:15 am MST



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received by Cal OES of which 5 withdrew resulting in 58 applications submitted to FEMA. There have been 10 withdrawals and one ineligible determination since, for a total of 47 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: There is 1 applicant remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue.
- Currently, 107 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 85 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 19 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa and Solano Counties regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing funds to hire initial case management staff for the Napa Earthquake Recovery Group (aka, eNERGy) and the Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG). Both Long Term Recovery Groups are seeking funds from partner agencies to assist with unmet needs.
- Assistance Centers – The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties to allow Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through FHWA's ER Program in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction for damages sustained as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. After assessing the damages, Caltrans is requesting the Governor update his proclamation to include Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tehama, and Yolo Counties. Cal OES' Recovery Section conducted an assessment to verify the Counties of Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tehama's Public Assistance estimates for debris removal, emergency work, and permanent restoration of public facilities in order to determine potential eligibility for State funding.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Per the onsite Southern Region Field Representative, the Round Fire incident has transitioned from response to recovery.
- Per Cal OES SDO, Mono County Sheriff's Office is reporting that the Local Assistance Center established at the Lake Crowley Community Center is closed. The Cal OES Recovery staff deployed there has returned to home base.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue offer their support services.
- Southern Region Field Representative ESC demobilized 02/13/15.
- The Southern Region Duty Officer continues to monitor the situation and provide update if needed.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning February 9, 2015.
- On 02/04/15, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved a Fast Track Drought Disaster Designation naming 55 of the 58 California Counties as primary counties and the remaining three (Del Norte, Imperial, San Francisco) as contiguous counties. This designation makes farm operators in all 58 California counties eligible to apply for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loan assistance. As a result of this designation, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declared and approved Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for small, nonfarm businesses in the 58 counties. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought. The application deadline for both the USDA and SBA loan programs is 10/05/15.
- On 02/04/15, USDA approved a Fast Track Drought Disaster Designation for certain counties in the State of Nevada also naming the California counties of Alpine, El Dorado, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, San Bernardino, and Sierra as contiguous counties. This designation makes farm operators in these 10 California counties eligible to apply for USDA FSA emergency loan assistance. As a result of this designation, the SBA declared and approved EIDLs for small, nonfarm businesses in the 10 California contiguous counties. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought. The application deadline for both the USDA and SBA loan programs are 10/05/15.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Closed Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-8690, 02/16/15**, Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) advised of an ELT sounding in the area of Malibu, Los Angeles County. AFRCC will activate Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources. [Update: 02/17/15 0428 hours, AFRCC advised two ELT signals were located and silenced, non-distress, at Santa Monica Airport and Compton Airport. Mission Closed.](#)



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.